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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Once again local competition is being threatened by monopolistic practices of AT&T, Verizon in an attempt to turn the internet into their own fiefdom at the expense of the consumer. As I watchdog agency, your highest obligation is to protect consumers like me by insuring continued local competition. For nearly 20 years I have used a local telephone company and ISP (Sonic) which uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. I wish to continue to do so.

I urge you to act for continued competition, not higher stock dividends. Do not sell out us little guys, the people you were created to protect!

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